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c.1855-1885

1101-1137 Light St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The east side of the 1100 block of Light St. is improved with a variety of types of combination residential/commercial structures, the majority of which, however, date to the period between 1855 and 1865. At 1101 Light St. there is a two story, two bay wide brick corner storefront with shed roof built just after the Civil War on the site of an earlier structure. Immediately adjoining to the south, at 1103 Light St., is a three story, three bay wide brick building with shed roof and sheet metal bracketed cornice, built in the early 1880's. Between these two buildings and the row beginning at 1117 Light St. a modern three story commercial structure has replaced earlier house/storefronts. At 1119-1123 Light St. there is a row of three story, three bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built to serve a combined residential/commercial function in the late 1850's by Albert Schumacher, a prominent leader of the Baltimore German community. 1117 Light St., formerly a part of this row, has since been enlarged in height and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. Across Weber St. to the south, there is a row of three story, three bay wide brick residential/commercial buildings, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the 1855-1865 period by Lorenz Bopp, a dry goods manufacturer who had his shop at 1137 Light St. The majority of these buildings on Light St. now have modern storefront areas.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1137 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

— DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
— STRUCTURE  
— SITE  
— OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

— PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

— IN PROCESS  
— BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
— UNOCCUPIED  
— WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
— YES: UNRESTRICTED  
— NO

**PRESENT USE**

— AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
— EDUCATIONAL  
— ENTERTAINMENT  
— GOVERNMENT  
— INDUSTRIAL  
— MILITARY  
— MUSEUM  
— PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
— RELIGIOUS  
— SCIENTIFIC  
— TRANSPORTATION  
— OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE  
Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, three bay brick building with shed roof represents a remodeling of the original shed-roofed building constructed on this site in the 1850's and which formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Light St. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front, in conjunction with the first floor area of the neighboring building, 1135 Light St.

The building is three stories in height, 18' wide, and occupies a lot 66 1/2' deep. The building occupies the north-east corner of Light and West Streets and extends back along West St. for six bays. There is a full-width two story high, two bay deep rear addition, followed by a one story high, one-half bay deep section. The building is constructed in running bond. The shed roof has a plain, narrow false front, capped by a simple metal cornice. Along the West St. facade, however, the entire roof line is capped by a metal crown molding. There is a double flat chimney located along both the front and rear sections of the south side of the house. There is also a hooded rear end chimney located at the east end of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with brick keystones. The original tympanums have been replaced with aluminum tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front in conjunction with the first floor area of 1135 Light St. There is a centrally located glass and aluminum door flanked by two three-sided plate glass shop windows set on aluminum bases. An aluminum sign area extends across the entire width of the facade, with a deep canvas awning projecting out over the street during the business day. Along the West St. facade, a modern six panel door set beneath a single light transom bordered by a row of dentils, leads to the residence upstairs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1856-58

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Lorenz Bopp

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

See under 1127-1131 Light St.

Bopp retained this building for his own use, operating his dry goods store at this location in the 1860's. In the 1870's his widow continued to run the business at this location. Bopp also operated as a clothier with headquarters on the Light St. wharf.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 116, Folio 110; Baltimore City Directory, 1855-6, 1858-9, 1860, 1864, 1867, 1871

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18' x 66'7"

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

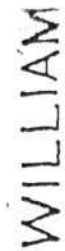
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# LIGHT

3-3484

E. WEST

ST.



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1137 Light Street  
Block 0951 Lot 052  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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1137 Light St.

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West and south elevations